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Manthan- education conclave by ABVP

Port Blair, Jan 13: The Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad organized 'Manthan'-a Educational Conclave of A&N Islands in the auditorium of TGCE, Port Blair on 11th January 2020. The chief guest of the program was Shri T. N. Krishnamoorthy Chief Engineer, ALHW in his address spoke about higher education particularly the way Universities are imparting education in India. He insisted that even after 7 decades of independence we are following the Macaulay's education policy with minor change and that's why the higher educational institution are unable to produce graduates and postgraduates having Indian values and ethos. Earlier welcoming the gathering The Guest of Honour Shri N.K. Uday Kumar, Chairman PBMC, supported the idea of Central university in these Islands and said that we all PRIs are committed to provide quality education to youths of these Islands. He also shows his concern about the proposed deemed University and told that PRIs are only direct representative of general public of these Islands and none of the PRIs have been consulted about the establishment of deemed university in these Islands. Dr. S.K. Jha, ABVP president bring forth the objective of organizing this conclave. He also suggested that there is an urgent need of Central University in these islands so that students can continue their higher studies. In the inaugural session Dr. S. Jayakumar, Principal,

ANCOL, Shri R. Rajsekhar, Secretary ABVP, Sushri Sonia, City Joint Secretary were present in the dice. This session was coordinated by Sushri Sindhu Pandi and Sushri Akhila. During the conclave main representatives were Dr. Utpal Shrama, Principal Govt. Polytechnic (DBRAIT) representing administration's view, Dr. E. Muthu Kumaran, DBRAIT representing academician's view Shri Mohan Haider, Pradhan Choudhari representing PRIs views, Smt. Sheela Singh, former chairman PBMC, councillor ward-10, Shri Someshwar Rao, JVC, PBMC, Shri C.H. Babu, ward councillor representing PBMC, Shri Subroto Biswas, General Secretary, MGCC, representing student councils, Sushri Seema Kumari Jha, ALC representing common students of Islands and Shri U. Parthasarthy, city secretary, ABVP representing view of Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad. During the 'MANTHAN' except representative of administration all the members of the panel were in the opinion that the students of these Islands need quality education and for that no option will be better than a Central University. Dr. Sharma was in the opinion that without knowing the detail one should not criticize administration's effort. However Smt. Sheela Singh shows her concern about the way

administration is taking such a crucial decision from public representatives. Shri Someshwar Rao told that for these islands Central University will be better than Proposed Deemed University and he ensure the Islanders that all councilors will wholeheartedly support the issue. Meantime a question emerges from the audience that is there any vested interest of an individual or a group behind proposal of opening a substandard institution. The panel members from student council also raise concern about deaffiliation of DBRAIT from Pondicherry University and ask the administration to take immediate steps for fulfilling the deficiencies suggested by Pondicherry University. Shri Omkar Parida, NEC Member, ABVP in concluding remarks assured the gathering that ABVP will put their all efforts to bring a Central University in these Islands. He put question mark on Hon'ble LG's efficiency to represent interest of people of Andaman and Nicobar Islands to the Government of India. He criticize the administrator for ignoring the interest of Islanders particularly in field of education. The complete panel discussion was moderated by Sushri Sonia, City Joint Secretary and vote of Thanks were proposed by Shri R. Rajsekhar, Secretary ABVP, A & N Islands.